

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-34, 36-45, 47-55, 58 and 60-67 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6, 15, 16, 19-23, 33-34, 44-45, 55 and 58 have been amended.

Claims 4-5, 24, 35, 46 and 59 have been cancelled.

Formal Matters

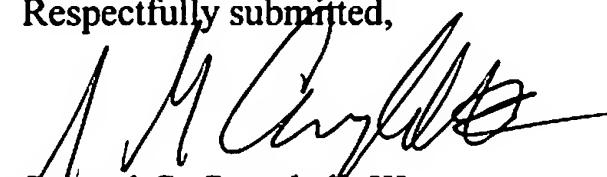
Applicants have amended claim 15 properly and have provided the proper status identifier for claim 22, as requested by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5084.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

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